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SUBJECT: KIM YONG-SAM RELEASED

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1. KIM YONG-SAM, CONTENDER FOR NDP PRESIDENCY, WAS RELEASED BY ROKG AUTHORITEIS ON EVENING OF JULY 18 APPROXIMATELY TWELVE HOURS AFTER HE HAD BEEN BPICKED UP. NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN CHAE HYONG-U AND STAFF ASSISTANT MUN CHONG-SU HAVE ALSO BEEN RELEASED. WHILE INFORMATION IS MEAGER, AN UNIDENTIFIED ASSISTANT OF KIM WAS REPORTEDLY PICKED UP BY ROK/CIA THIS MORNING JULY 19.

2. NSP NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN OH SE EUNG TOLD EMBOFF THAT KIM YONG SAM HAD ADVANCED PUBLICITY AND COURTED ARREST BY LEAKING HIS INTENT TO DONGA ILBO NIGHT BEFORE SCHEDULED PRESS CONFERENCE. CIA BUREAU CHIEFS, ACCORDING TO OH, TRIED TO DISSUADE KIM FROM MAKING STATEMENT. WHEN KIM REFUSED HE WAS TAKEN IN BY CIA AGENTS AND INTERROGATED.

3. OH WENT ON TO SAY HE THOUGHT KIM'S RELEASE MIGHT BE END OF AFFAIR. OH, WHO SUPPORTS NDP FACTION LEADER
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YI CHUL SUNG, POINTECD OUT THAT KIM'S DETENTION HAD

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INCREASED HIS CREDIBILITY AS TRUE OPPOSITION CANDIDATE. THIS WORKED AGAINST INTERESTS OF YI CHUL SUNG, KIM'S PRINCIPAL RIVAL IN PRESENT NDP PARTY LEADERSHIP RACE. SINCE YI CHUL SUNG WAS MAN ROKG FAVORED IN NDP RACE, OH CONCLUDED THAT ARREST OF KIM WORKED AGAINST ROKG'S OWN INTEREST INLEADERSHIP CONTEST.

4. TODAY LOCAL ROADO REPORTED STATEMENT BY NDP WARNING GOVERNMENT AGAINST INTERFERENCE IN INTER-PARTY LEADERSHIP RACE. BROADCAST WAS HEARD ONE TIME ONLY.
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